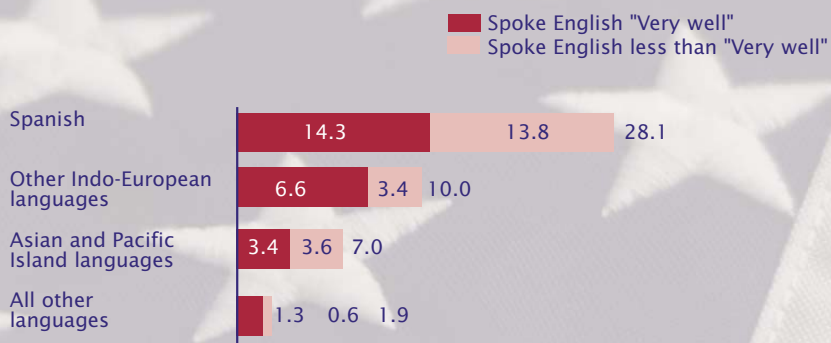


FYI

Ability to Speak English; Linguistically Isolated Household. For people who speak a language other than English at home, the response to the census question: "Does this person speak a language other than English in the home?," (ability to speak English) represents the person's own perception of his or her ability to speak English, from "very well" to "not at all." Because census questionnaires are usually completed by one household member, the responses may represent the perception of another household member. A linguistically isolated household is one in which no person aged 14 or over speaks English at least "very well." That is, no person aged 14 or over speaks only English at home, or speaks another language at home and speaks English "very well." Source: Census 2000

Figure 2.
**Speakers of Languages Other Than English at Home
and English Ability by Language Group: 2000**

(Population 5 years and over, in millions. Data based on sample. For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, sampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf3.pdf)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 3.

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13 COMDEX 11/13, Las Vegas, NV	14 Fed Comte on Statistical Methodology 11/4-11/16, Arlington, VA	15 MARTS (10/05)	16 MTIS (9/05)	17 NRC (10/05)	18	19
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Mexican Women at the U.S. Immigration Station, El Paso, Texas, June 1938.

Various questions on language were asked in the censuses from 1890 to 1970, including a question on "mother tongue" (the language spoken in the person's home when he or she was a child). Since 1980, the decennial census asks if a person speaks a language other than English at home, and if so to write-in that language. Additionally, the respondent is asked to respond how well does he or she speak English on a range from not at all to very well.

Source: Census 2000 Briefs: Foreign Born, Language Use

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